



Bridge re-inspection

Video: *Bridge inspection video*

Audio, male narrator: Every day highly trained inspectors and engineers with the Virginia Department of Transportation work to keep Virginia's bridges safe. The bridge collapse in Minnesota frightened us all. Though we don't know what caused the tragedy yet, we're doubling our efforts and immediately focusing our attention on all similar bridges in Virginia.

Video: *Anwar Ahmad, assistant state structure and bridge engineer*

Audio, Ahmad: "Anytime you have a catastrophic failure like this it hits home. We all take this very seriously and we're very concerned, but at the same time we're anxiously waiting, just like the rest of the country, to find out exactly what happened. No one really knows exactly what happened. We don't know if it's related to inspections, maintenance, construction practices. We don't know, but in the mean time we're being extra careful in identifying the same types of bridges and reviewing them one more time to give us piece of mind."

Video: *Bridge inspection footage*

Audio, male narrator: There are 11 bridges in Virginia that are similar in design to the one that collapsed in Minnesota. Though these bridges have all been inspected within the last two years and found to be completely safe, we have gone over all the data from these recent inspections again - very carefully - just to be sure. We are also now conducting a thorough physical, hands-on inspection of each of these 11 bridges with a completely different inspection team.

Video: *Bridge inspection work taking place*

Audio, male narrator: As officials determine what caused the I-35 Bridge over the Mississippi River to collapse, the Virginia Department of Transportation will make certain that any lessons learned will be implemented here. In the meantime, we'll continue our rigorous and intensive inspections of all bridge structures in Virginia with an immediate emphasis on those similar to the failed structure in Minnesota.